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SUBJECT: MARCH 28, THE 87TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 5576

1. SUMMARY. ACCURATE 105MM HOWITZER FIRE FORCED A SUSPENSION OF THE AIRLIFT TODAY. FANK TROOPS IN THE TUOL LEAP OPERATION GIVE UP GROUND LAST NIGHT AS THEY WITHDREW TO NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND TODAY FAILED TO REACH THE POINT OF YESTERDAY'S LIMITED ADVANCE. FURTHER EAST THE KC ATTACKED TWO FANK BRIGADE ELEMENTS IN THE ROCKET BELT. THE KC RE-

PORTEDLY LOST 35 KILLED BUT PENETRATED INTO ONE POSITION THAT IS NOW BEING COUNTERATTACKED. NO ROCKETS HAVE HIT PHNOM PENH OVER THE PAST 36 HOURS. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRE FROM A KC 105 MM HOWITZER HIT THE UNLOADING RAMP EARLY THIS MORNING FORCING SUSPENSION OF THE AIRLIFT AFTER THREE C-130S HAD DELIVERED. GKR TROOPS TRYING TO RETAKE TUOL LEAP EFFECTIVELY LOST ONE KILOMETER OF GROUND AS THEY PULLED BACK TO NIGHT DEFENSE POSITIONS  
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AND TODAY FAILED TO REACH THE POINT OF YESTERDAY'S ADVANCE.

FURTHER EAST OF TUOL LEAP, THE KC HIT FANK'S 79TH AND 80TH BRIGADES OPERATING TO CLEAR THE ROCKET BELT. FANK REPORTS ONE KILLED AND 40 WOUNDED AND HAS INDICATIONS THAT THE KC LOST 35 KILLED. THE KC SLIGHTLY PENETRATED THE 80TH'S POSITION AND THE PENETRATION IS NOW BEING COUNTERATTACKED.

3. THE 7TH DIVISION AREA, JUST EAST OF THE ROCKET BELT AND NORTH OF PHNOM PENH PROPE, AGAIN REPORTS ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND ATTACKS. FANK HAS MOVED TO REINFORCE THE NORTHERN DIKE WITH THE TWO TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS RECENTLY EVACUATED FROM RIVERSIDE POSTS NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, AND ONE BATTALION OF THE TOUGH 45TH BRIGADE WHICH WAS LIFTED OUT OF THE BRIGADE'S ISOLATED PHNOM BASET HEAD-QUARTERS.

4. NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH THE 28TH BRIGADE KILLED 18 KC IN OPERATIONS IN THEIR ZONE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE MEKONG. ONE KC RALLIER SAID THAT HIS UNIT'S MORALE IS LOW AND THAT KC UNITS ON THE CHRUOY CHANGWAR PENINSULA HAVE TAKEN HEAVY CASUALTIES.

5. NEAK LUONG REPORTED GROUND ATTACKS DURING LAST NIGHT AND THE AIR FORCE SENT AN AC-47 GUNSHIP.

6. EIGHTEEN 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS AND APPROXIMATELY 30 ROCKETS HIT THE AIRFIELD. A 105MM ROUND LIGHTLY DAMAGED A KHMER AIR FORCE C-123. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED AT THE AIRFIELD. NO ROCKETS HAVE FALLEN ON PHNOM PENH FOR MORE THAN 36 HOURS.  
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